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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the non-final Office Action mailed on June 2, 2004, regarding the above-identified patent application.

Two-Month Extension of Time

The three-month shortened statutory period for reply is set to expire on September 2, 2004. Applicants hereby request a two-month extension of time to file this Response, extending the date for response to November 2, 2004. Inasmuch as the applicant is entitled to small entity status, the fee of \$215.00 for the extension of time is enclosed herewith. It is respectfully submitted that this Response is timely filed within the shortened statutory period as extended. However, if any extension period is required in order for this paper to be timely filed, then Applicants hereby request an extension for such additional time period and authorize the appropriate fees therefore to be charged to the Kagan Binder Deposit Account No. 50-1775 and notify us of the same. It is believed that no other fee is required in filing this Response. However, if any fee is required, please charge the appropriate fee to the Kagan Binder Deposit Account No. 50-1775 and notify us of the same.